

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/576,277
Response filed May 27, 2010
Reply to OA dated April 28, 2010

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 and 12 are pending in this application. Claims 3 and 9 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11 and 12 will be pending. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the objections are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1), the present amendment only cancels claims.

Claims 3 and 9 are objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. (Office action p. 2)

The objection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 3 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer. Since claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 11-12 have been indicated as allowed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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